



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH THE CITY COUNCIL TO ORGANIZE A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CONFERENCE.

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu ("City") is committed to pedestrian safety and walkable neighborhoods, and is in the process of developing an *Oahu Pedestrian Plan* to evaluate existing conditions and propose or prioritize pedestrian improvement projects and programs facilitating multimodal travel consistent with the City's Complete Streets Ordinance (Chapter 14, Article 33, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990); and

WHEREAS, according to the National Transportation Safety Board's *Special Investigation Report*, adopted September 25, 2018, in 2016 an average of more than 16 pedestrians per day died in collisions with motor vehicles on public roads in the United States, and the number of pedestrian fatalities increased by 27 percent nationwide from 2007 to 2016, while the number of all other traffic deaths decreased by 12 percent during the same time period; and

WHEREAS, according to Hawaii State Department of Transportation, pedestrian fatalities in the City increased dramatically from 12 in 2017 to 27 in 2018, and six pedestrians died in traffic accidents in the City during the month of January 2019, including three killed at one time in a tragic incident in the central Honolulu neighborhood of Kakaako on January 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association's *Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities by State, 2017 Preliminary Data*, Hawaii tied with Rhode Island as the state having the highest percentage of pedestrian fatalities (36 percent) in persons 70 years old and older from 2014-2016, and

WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii State Department of Health, pedestrian fatalities are the sixth-leading cause of injury-related deaths in Hawaii and the second-leading cause of death for children age 14 and younger in the State; and

WHEREAS, the City's transportation system is becoming increasingly complex as the number of motor vehicles utilizing City roadways increases and the City's transportation system transitions from an automobile-centric system to a multi-modal transportation system, which can sometimes be particularly confusing and dangerous to elderly pedestrians; and



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WHEREAS, the Council finds that there is a need for: increased public awareness of pedestrian safety; examination and analysis of the City's transportation system for pedestrian safety; and comprehensive implementation of improved pedestrian safety measures in order to reduce or eliminate pedestrian fatalities in the City, especially among the City's most vulnerable pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations and experts are available to provide information and recommendations to enhance protection for the City's pedestrians, including information regarding the use of the latest technologies, the best engineering, and innovative methods, such as Barnes Dance intersections and leading pedestrian intervals, to protect pedestrians using City roadways; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian safety conferences have been held, or are scheduled to be held, across the United States in efforts to raise public awareness about pedestrian safety and to reduce the number and severity of collisions involving pedestrians, including the following:

- 1) Pedestrian Safety Forum hosted by the National Transportation Safety Board on May 10, 2016 in Washington D.C.;
- 2) Texas Statewide Pedestrian Safety Forum on July 12, 2018 in Austin, Texas;
- 3) Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Conference on April 29, 2016 in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan; and
- 4) Rhode Island Distracted Driving & Pedestrian Safety Summit on April 3, 2018 in Providence, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the Council further finds the City would benefit greatly from a well-advertised gathering of governmental transportation officials, pedestrian safety experts, stakeholders, and the general public to discuss ways to improve pedestrian safety in the City, including an examination of pedestrian safety trends, the development of effective pedestrian safety plans to reduce or eliminate pedestrian fatalities, and consideration of City policy, laws, and planning relating to pedestrian safety, engineering and highway design countermeasures for pedestrian safety, pedestrian law enforcement and strategies, and educational activities for pedestrians, especially children and seniors; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that, in order to improve pedestrian safety in the City's multi-modal transportation system and reduce or eliminate pedestrian deaths, the City Council requests the City Administration to work with the Council to organize a conference, open to the public, focusing on pedestrian safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests the City Administration, to establish a public education and outreach program prior to the conference to increase public awareness of the conference and the urgent need for pedestrian safety, to be presented to neighborhood boards and other interested groups in the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration is requested to work with the Council when issuing invitations to governmental officials, traffic safety experts, law enforcement officers, and other stakeholders to participate in, or attend, the conference, including members of the City Council, the Hawaii State Legislature, the Hawaii State Department of Transportation, the Hawaii State Department of Health, the Honolulu Police Department, the Federal Highway Administration-Hawaii Division, the National Highway Safety Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board, the American Association of Retired Persons or other organization concerned with safety for the elderly, the Hawaii Bicycling League, and any other organization involved in pedestrian protection, seniors, bicyclists, and other users of the City's roadways and sidewalks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration provide a written report to the Council on the education and outreach program and the pedestrian safety conference events, attendance, and outcomes, including detailed recommendations for pedestrian safety measures for the City, no later than June 30, 2020, or 30 days following the last day of the conference, whichever is earlier; and



CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
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No. **19-32**

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Transportation Services, the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation, the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Health, the Division Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration-Hawaii Division, the Hawaii State Director of the American Association of Retired Persons, and the Co-Executive Directors of the Hawaii Bicycling League.

INTRODUCED BY:

Don Menon
[Signature]

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

FEB 14 2019

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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C E R T I F I C A T E

RESOLUTION 19-32

Introduced: 02/14/19 By: RON MENOR
BRANDON ELEFANTE

Committee: TRANSPORTATION

Title: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH THE CITY COUNCIL TO ORGANIZE A
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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

02/28/19	TRANSPORTATION	CR-62 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
03/08/19	COUNCIL	CR-62 AND RESOLUTION 19-32 WERE ADOPTED. 7 AYES: ELEFANTE, FORMBY, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI. 2 ABSENT: ANDERSON, MENOR.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



ANN H. KOBAYASHI, INTERIM CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER